

Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

Name of Center: Little Warriors Y Club **Enrollment:** 100 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52284

Street: 206 S D St **City:** Sergeant Bluff **Iowa** **Zip** 51054 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 601 Riverview Dr, South Sioux City, IA, 68776

Director's Name: Lucas Briggs **Phone Number:** 712-333-7860

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** lbriggs@nwsymca.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-12-2023

X **Licensing Visit** **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

X **New Application** **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-15-2023

FIRE INSPECTION X **State** **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 08-09-2023

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS: Year-round School-Year Summer Only

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				100	100
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 08-23-2023 to 04-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew

Date: 12-27-2023

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited school age center on 12-12-23 and 12-18-23(staff files) and spoke with director Lucas Briggs. Mr Briggs, has an BA degree in psychology and has had several years running the youth program for the YMCA. The Little Warrior Y Club took over the Basic school age program from the Sgt. Bluff School. The program started 08-23-23. Little Warrior Y Club uses the lunch room and gym of the Sgt. Bluff Elementary School. The program serves school agers TK thru 5th grade. Capacity is 150. The program operates during the school year and offers a morning 6:30am to 8:30am and 3:15 to 6:00pm Monday thru Friday. Once a month on Wednesday the program in the after noon is from 2:20pm to 6:00pm. When the school is closed due to weather or normal closures the program is not opened.

The program currently has 100 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit there were 68 children present. The program provides various group activities as well as individual self-directed activities for the children. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of activity room, observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center is following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center cleans toys that children use.

The program has following activities/centers that they children can utilize: art, kitchen, books, games, crafts, computers, puzzles and legos. Children have access to bathrooms. Daily schedule of activities was posted. The program had sufficient amount of equipment and toys for the children.

The program provides afternoon snacks. Program needs to follow CACFP guidelines for nutrition. A snack list was sent to director. Center follows proper medication. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills need to be documented each month. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Program needs to ensure kids wash hands prior to snack. Program is free of any observable health or safety hazards.

The center does not go on field trips during the school year. The program would like to offer a summer program at this site. If they did a summer program they would use the Y buses to transport kids on field trips. They would use the Y facilities, go on field trips or they may go to a park. Playground inspections need to be completed. They utilize the large gym if unable to get outside. They use the school playground adjacent to the school.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips

Center does not transport at this time as they don't go on any field trip.

Goals of the program is to finish the school year strong. To add more staff to split the children up by ages. To add a summer program and continue to grow. To look into using the Playground or Bright Wheel Apps for childcare.

Strengths of the program is that the program has a good relationship with the school. The families may be new to the Little Warrior Y Club, but the Y programs are not new to the community. Good relationship with the parents.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center sends home a newsletter of what activities are doing.

Staff interact with the children in a positive manner.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

109.9(1)a: All files contain statement signed by staff indicating whether they have a criminal conviction or founded child/dependent adult abuse.

Number not in compliance: 9

109.9(1)b: All files contain: A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information. Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted. Copies of national criminal history check results. Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.

Number not in compliance: 9

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.

Number not in compliance: 9

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.

Number not in compliance: 3

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.

Number missing: 2

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.

Number not in compliance: 9

109.10(8): Children's hand washing: Center shall ensure staff assist children in personal hygiene. For each infant or child with a disability, a separate cloth for washing and one for rinsing may be used in place of running water. Children's hands shall be washed: Immediately before eating or participating in food service activity. After using the restroom or being diapered. After handling animals.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff/kids files need to be current. The director needs to email consultant by 01-20-24 confirming that all aspects that fall below standards have been corrected. It is recommended to continue to work with CCRR for support.

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.